I. List: 205.603 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production

II. Category Use

- (b) As topical treatment, external parasiticide or local anesthetic as applicable.
- **III.** Committee Summary: Several commentors supported the continued listing of hydrated lime. One commentor objected to the continued listing of hydrated lime stating it is too harsh of a chemical to allow for direct contact with animals as a pest control agent, and it is hazardous to the humans who handle it. The Committee agrees with the commentor recommending the removal of hydrated lime from the National List. The Livestock Committee believes that there are alternatives to hydrated lime and that this substance can be removed from the list without adversely impacting organic livestock production.

IV. Committee Recommendation(s):

Recommendations Made that are Based upon Comments Received – 205.603(b)

The Livestock Committee recommends not renewing the following substances:

(4) Lime, hydrated—as external pest control, not permitted to cauterize physical alterations or deodorize animal wastes.

Moved: Jennifer Hall Second: Hubert Karreman

Committee vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0